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SUBJECT: SENATOR MCGOVERN'S INTEREST IN CALLING ON
CUNHAL

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1. CONFIRMING CONDON-MYERS TELECON EARLIER TODAY, SENATOR MCGOVERN TOLD LABATT THAT DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH MITTERRAND SEPTEMBER 17 HE RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE MEETING WITH CUNHAL IN LISBON. ACCORDING TO MCGOVERN, MITTERRAND DID NOT DISCOURAGE SUCH A MEETING BECAUSE "U.S. SENATOR ON FACT-FINDING MISSION SHOULD SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO LISTEN TO ALL POINTS OF VIEW."

2. ASKED IF MCGOVERN-CUNHAL MEETING COULD BE MISINTERPRETED IN PORTUGAL AND THE REST OF EUROPE, MITTERRAND REPORTEDLY SAID THAT AS LONG AS THE NATURE OF SENATOR'S VISIT WERE MADE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR, MISINTERPRETATION WAS NOT LIKELY. SENATOR SAID HE PERSISTED BY WONDERING WHETHER SOARES HIMSELF MIGHT OBJECT. MITTERRAND SAID MCGOVERN SHOULD TEST THAT HIMSELF BY ASKING SOARES TO INVITE CUNHAL TO HIS HOUSE FOR THE MEETING.

3. ALTHOUGH HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY MITTERRAND'S FAILURE
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TO BE NEGATIVE, THE SENATOR CONTINUED TO SAY, AS HE WAS

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LEAVING PARIS, THAT HE WOULD KEEP AN OPEN MIND UNTIL HE
HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH AMBASSADOR
CARLUCCI.
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